
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendments and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 10 are pending. Claims 5 and 7-9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claim 10 is newly added. No new matter is introduced.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 were indicated as allowed.

The indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. In response, and to expedite the issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 5 and 7-9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Further, new Claim 10 recites features substantially similar to those recited in Claim 1, and is thus believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the reasons above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 10 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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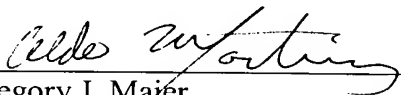
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